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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 16- 15-

Part B for Decr 14

SUBJECT.

Re- the drowning fatality that occurred during the Tephalsavaram at- Nanjangood -

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(1). Letter dt 14-7-14 from the D e of Mysore Rep. a report re the drowning fatality that occurred during the Tephalsavaram festival- Nanjangud -

2) G.O No. ~~15-5-4~~ 154 dt 17-7-14 - to D e of Mysore. Records the above with regret-

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Miscl.)

NOTES.

File No. 19-14

FILE HEADING.

Report on the drowning fatality that occurred during the Depotsodcum at Ranjangud.

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dt.

~~No.~~ Letter Dated 14.7.14 Received 16.7.14

Diary No.	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

NOTES—First Sheet.

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated.....14th July.....*191* 4.

The accompanying telegram from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, about a drowning fatality at Nanjangud, is forwarded to the First Member of Council, for information.

The further particulars connected with the incident are awaited.

14.7.14 RC

Draft 15/7

15/7/14

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

DIARY No. 81

INDIAN TELEGRAPHS

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay
Rs. As.

Office Stamp.

SECTION

FILE No.

SERIAL No.

Handed in at (Office of Origin.)	Hour.	Minute.	Service Instructions.	Words.
Nanjangud 13	9	45	two addresses	30
Recd. here at	9 H.	47 M.		

The Dewan Bangalore

Last night at Yeptoorava of Srinivasaswara = swamy's boat with idol capsized idol recovered now intact five reported lost details follow

Dpty. by Commissioner

N. B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

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N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

GPB—10,000—10 6 14

Bangalore,

13th July 1914.

Telegram

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To

Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore

~~Dmk~~ (urgent)

~~Regret~~ to hear of Nanjangud drowning fatality. ~~Please wire~~ Kindly send further particulars by post.

Dewan

13.7.14

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Sub.

I hear from private sources that the thappa with the image of Sri Nanjundeswara (decorated with costly jewels) and a few people, was drowned in the river Kapani at Nanjangud on the 12th July 1914.

The First Member enquired through telephone last evening whether any report in the matter had been received here. I replied that none had been received.

If permitted, I will write to the DG Comm. making enquiry

Dewan

Dewan

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated.....15th..July.....*1914* .

No 800
15.7.1914.

Letter dated 14th July 1914 from the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore reporting, in detail, the circumstances under which the recent drowning fatality occurred during the Teppotsavam at Nanjangud.

Forwarded, with compliments, to the First Member of Council, in continuation of the telegram forwarded yesterday.

15 7 14

Hon'ble Draft answer according with the print.

(I presume that a regular inquest has been held by the Police?)

15/7/14

Draft 16/7

Draft 16/7/14

Serial No.

Draft-subd
PWK(65) BL
16/7
17.7.14 appd
17/7

2 To the Dr Coml, Mysore &
G.O. No. 154 d: 17.7.14
Records the above with reports.

3 From ~~Venkata Rao, Nanjangud.~~
~~Telegram~~ The P.S. to H.H. the Maharaja
Dis. No. 279 d: 15.7.14
Forwards for disposal a telegram
from Venkata Rao of Nanjangud
stating as follows:—
"Srikanteswara temple tower
disaster is due to negligence, indifference
of Amildar and staff, pray thorough
investigation - petition follows".
Dewan's order:—
The Dr Coml may be requested to send
a full report after Police enquiry.
Dft subd.
PWK(65) BL
17/7
Signed

Papers under disposal

appd. Send him copy of report

4 To the Dy Coml No. 155 G 17.7.14 Forwards the above telegram for a very early & full report

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

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and Revenue
retariat.

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after a detailed enquiry

Subject to the enclosed as desired.

18.7.14

A copy of the DG's letter only is on the file. The original has perhaps been sent U.H.H. from the Secretariat direct. This may kindly be ascertained

18.7.14

A Reference received from the I.G. of Police in the matter is noted to be transferred from Br III to Br VII. Immediate action should be taken in regard to the same. and the papers submitted to Sirkar through First member as the report will probably be submitted to the Highness for information. Please take all needful action on 20/7

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Where is the. Put up a minute

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The Insp.r General of Police's letter dealt with in Branch III ordered to be transferred to this Branch was received in this Branch only now & the file is here to be linked.

The Secretariat having submitted to a

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Serial No.

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Pol 2nd No 43 of 1913
to Collr of Bkr III
re 1913 & letter from
H.H.
RL
20 7 1913 Returned
to Pol III 20/7/14

Copy of the Dy Comrs letter regarding the Vanjaigud disaster for His Highness the Maharaja's information, the same has been returned after being sub. by the Hyderabad for His Highness's information - (Vide the H.O correspondence) also received just now from the Dec.).

RL
20/7/14

The report of the D.S of Police is merely a paraphrase of the Dy Comrs letter which has already been submitted to H.H for information and been recorded with regret. No further action appears to be called for on the report of the D.S of Police. It may also be recorded

that a telegram received from one Venkata Rao alleging negligence on the part of the local officers on each and full report - after detailed enquiry has been called for from the D.C Comrs. The receipt of this report may be awaited for such further action as may be found necessary

Agree 20.7.14

Agree 20/7

20/7

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

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D. O. No. 7/1601

Nanjangud

14th July 14

My dear Sir

In continuation of my yesterday's telegram communicating news of the disaster here, I note the details below:-

It is usual to have Teppotsava every year in this season for three days. So there was Teppotsava on Saturday without anything untoward happening. The Sunday Utsava ended in this disaster.

The raft is made by connecting two boats together and is thus a safe one. The boats are sound ones. At each end of the raft ropes are tied and the people from the shore regulate the distance to be travelled by lengthening or shortening the rope. The raft is not allowed to go beyond a few yards from the shore and only the people whose presence is absolutely necessary are allowed to be on the raft. The boatman is a man of experience who every day ferried people-

fro am to t e] ait bank.

Fro the statements of the persons the present I at e t t to avoid an overhanging branch when -- -or at stream the raft allowed to o a little far- ther in to s ore and it was found that the current was swift there When t e raft was pulled back - the pole of the id upper end so the raft describ- ed e circle the e ointing downstream.

The swin in of he pole d the sudden change - of ur e was n p to rom the occupants who all collect on e side with the results that the -- oats tilte were filled with water. As there was e t more t raft could not o very far and the e d f the wo pos ts firmly wedged in the stone -- step.

On receipt of nform ti n the Police Superinten- ent n I a e here at about 11 P.M. on Sunday and all afte t ime till 1 .30 , before and after we --- came to r float the raft nd recover the idol proved futile . Operations were resumed yesterday morning & t e idol w s recovered intact. The necess ry purifica

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tion ceremonies were performed and usual puja was - resumed to the joy and satisfaction of all.

Jewels of the value of about Rs 700 are missing. Attempts made last evening to recover them proved unsuccessful; but hopes are entertained of their re---- covery when the floods subside in a few days. Arrangements have been made to guard this portion of -- the river and prevent people from resorting thereto.

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No bodies have been recovered yet.

I am satisfied that every precaution had been taken and that the disaster is purely an accident.

Yours obediently

A. Venkatachari

M. Venkatarayalu Esq
Dewan

one Bangalore
" 15th July 1914.

To

Mirza M. Ismail Esq, B.A.,

Huzur Secretary, Fem Hill.

My dear Sir,

I submit, for His Highness's kind perusal, a detailed report received this morning ~~from the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore~~ about a drowning fatality that occurred during the Teppotsavam at Nanjangud on Sunday last.

~~It is stated in the report~~ that ~~every~~ precaution had been ~~taken, that the disaster is purely an accident and that~~ I regret to learn that five persons lost their lives ~~in the sad accident~~. in this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

15.7.14 Dewan.

Nanjangud

14th July 1914.

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From the statements of the persons then present I gather that, to avoid an overhanging branch when coming upstream, the boat was allowed to go a little farther from the shore and it was found that the current was swift there. When the raft was pulled back, the rope at the head snapped and so the raft described a semi-circle, the head pointing down stream.

The snapping of the rope and the sudden change of course caused a panic among the occupants who all collected on one side with the result that the boats tilted and were filled with water. As there was the other rope, the raft could not go very far and the ends of the bamboos got firmly wedged in the stone steps.

On receipt of information, the Police Superintendent and I came here at about 11 p.m. on Sunday and all atempts made till 1-30 before and after we came to refloat the raft and recover the idol proved futile. Operations were resumed yesterday morning and the idol was recovered intact. The necessary purification ceremonies were performed and usual puja was resumed to the joy and satisfaction

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I am satisfied that every precaution had been taken and that the disaster is purely an accident.

Yours obediently,

A. Subrahmanya Iyer.

M. Visvesvaraya Esq.,

Dewan of Mysore.

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" C O P Y "

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D. O. NO. 1883/Enme

Bangalore
18th July 1914

H. Linganaj Urs Esq
Dewan Bakshi
Mysore

My dear Sir,

Her Highness the Maharanee C.I. was pleased to make enquiries about the fata- -lity at Ranjan- -gud in connect- -ion with the Thirthpotsavam there. It may perhaps interest Her High- -ness to go through the accompani- -ying report.

I send herewith for favour of submission to H.H. a Copy of a D.O. letter received from the Dy Commr Mysore regarding the accident. The matter is under enquiry

18-7-14 KO

the Subject, received
from the Dr of Munster
of Nuzpore

I shall be
obliged by your placing
the same before
Her Highness—

Yours Sincerely

(Brown)

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D. O. No. 7623

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Dewan-III.

Enclosures 1

17th July 1914.

Secretary
Rec'd 18/7/14

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return with His Highness' thanks the letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, sent with yours of the 15th Instant, for His Highness' information.

× 7/1601 put up - To 1869 put up. CSR 18.7.14

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

for Chief Secretary.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, Esq., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Note Dewan's D.O. No. 1883 dt. 18.7.14 to the Durbar Bakshi is also put up herewith
CSR 18.7.14

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Police)

NOTES.

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~~File No. 8 14~~

FILE HEADING.

Accident on the occasion of the Teppotsavam of Sri Srikanteswaraswami at Nanjanpud on 12.7.14.

From

The D.G. of Police in Mysore.

No. C.5. Dated 15.7.14 Received 17.7.14

Diary No. ~~115~~ 161	Enclos. -- Spare Copies. --	Serial No. 5

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits a report regarding the above accident in which the raft on which the Utsavam was being conducted went down resulting in the death of 8 persons and loss of property to the value of about Rs 700.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subd. with standing orders (G.P. no. 7901-39-Mus 1708 dt 12.2.1900 & G.P. no. J68-Police 197-10-1 dt 7.7.1911) under which such boats are being reported to Govt. ~~This~~ It is a matter for consideration whether this ~~matter~~ is to be reported to the

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Residency. The file may be sent to the Emigrai Branch for information & return.

Subd. for orders.

BS 49/187.14 NRL

There appears to be no need to report the accident to the Residency. It may possibly come under "(4) calamities such as floods or earthquakes which cause serious damage to life or property" (vide P), but the loss of 5 lives, though serious enough, does not seem to be a matter of sufficient importance to be communicated to the Govt of India. Anyhow please let me know if there are precedents

NRL
18/7/14

Subd. Police file no. 43-13 relating to the Hormali accident, in which no intimation was sent to Resy.

BS 49/187 14 NRL

NRL
18/7/14

Secretary)

No report to the Residency is necessary. This reference may be transferred to B & V II for immediate action as the subject is being dealt with in that Branch. Effect should be given to this before 1 PM on 20/7

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Serial No.

Subt to the Under Secy for kind perusal & orders.

20.7.14

Vide orders of the Under Secy & Secy on page 9 supra. The receipt of a further report from the Dy Commr Mysore Dist in reply to this Office Dem No. 153/M.T 19-14-4 dt 17.7.14 may be awaited.

20.7.14

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.O.letter dated Nanjangud, 14th July 1914, from the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore, to the Dewan.

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I am satisfied that every precaution had been taken and that the disaster is purely an accident.

"Copy"

B V. Lakshman Row

Assistant Commissioner,

Dewan's Office.

D. O. No. 1647

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Recd 21/7/14

File

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Subs to Secretary for file in conts of previous papers VII. Done 21/7

RK.

The Palace,
Bangalore
19/20th July 1914

DIARY No. 129
SECTION Miscl
FILE No. 19-14.
SERIAL No.

My dear Sir,

As desired by you in your letter No.1883 dated the 18th Instant, I submitted to Her Highness the Maharani C. I. the copy of D. O. letter received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, regarding the accidents in connection with the Theppotsavam at Nanjangud.

In returning the copy with thanks, Her Highness desires me to inform you that she is very pleased to learn that the number of fatal cases were very few and that the newspaper report is far from truth.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. Visvesvaraya, Esq, B. A., C. I. E.,

D e w a n o f M y s o r e ,

P a n g a l o r e

REPLY.

(*To be written on this margin.*)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated..... .....20th. July. *191* 4.

Further reports from the Inspector General of Police and the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore regarding the Nanjangud drowning fatality.

Forwarded, with compliments, to the First Member of Council, in continuation of previous reports already sent.

20.7.14

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Serial No.

D. O. No 2r1638.

GOLF VIEW
SHESHADRIPURAM,
BANGALORE

1914-15
SECTION
FILE No. 19-14
SERIAL No.

My dear Vishwanath

In continuation of my
W. report. about H.
Narayanan accident. I
have to inform you.
Mrs. H attempts the
Lab. D. Mrs. Dr. N. Subba
Rao - & H. Amildar
& Incorr the Principle

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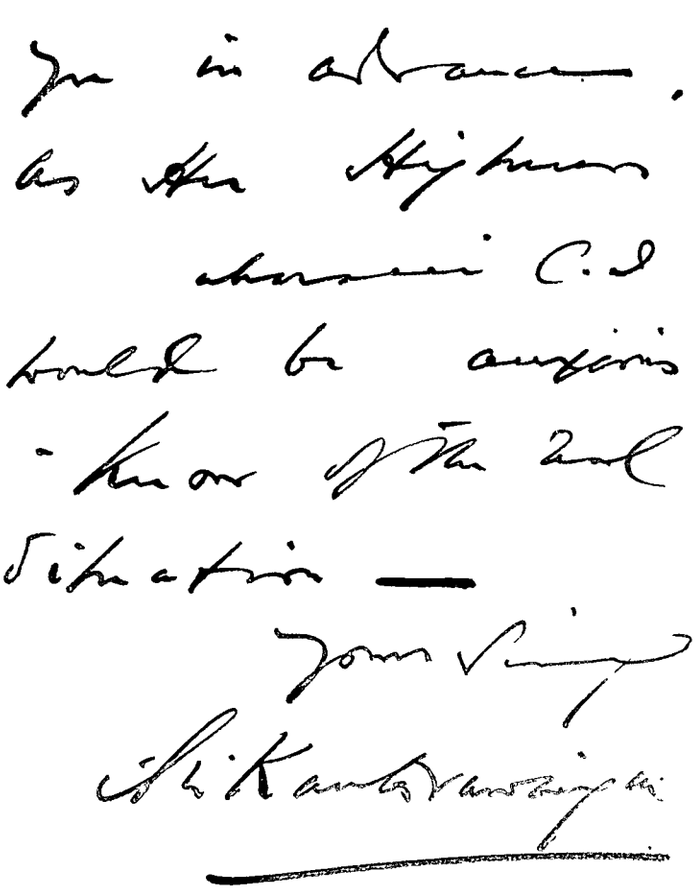

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D. O. No. W2 1637

DRAFT No. 131

D.O.

OFFICE OF THE DY. COMMISSIONER,
MYSORE DISTRICT,
SECTION
FILE NO 19-14
SERIAL NO.

My dear

I left Nanjangud on the 14th and came here on the 15th personally accompanied by Mr. Subbiah, Head Clerk of the Sub-Division office and Builder of Nanjangud who reached on the 15th all the Vernacular files containing the B. 620 etc. were missing a few other articles. The Volume of about B. 80 has been received.

GPB—10,000—13-6-14

The leaves of the drooping persons were found
on the rain a week or two later down.

Seen hearing for Nagpur agents
Conference.

Kurla Anjeli Taluka has not received much rain since start of the Monsoon.

There have been no sowings. The area under Major crops is far below the normal and the yield also are likely poor. Vegetables sparsely under some tanks yielded the normal outturn; under some others the crops withered completely.

difficulty for trade all parties con-
ince. Money is being kept for pur-
ase of goods. Prospects are not at
ll cheering.

Yours obediently
Ambalavanar

A. Visvanathan Esq:

URGENT. 25

REPLY.

(To be written on this margin.)

Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE.

Dated.....23rd July.....1914.

The Secretary, General and Revenue Departments, will kindly write to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, and ascertain whether any responsible officer was present on the spot at the time the Teppotsavam at Nanjangud was held and the fatality occurred. Were the Amildar and the Revenue Sub Division Officer present on the occasion?

23 7.14

VII. No enquiry should be made today

24/7

and Revenue Secretariat. | File No. 19 of 1914.

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6 To the Dy. Commissioner, Mysore
No. 207 dt. 24.7.14 Enquiries
whether any responsible officers
were present on the occasion.

7 From the Inspector General of Police in Mysore
Letter No. 293/20 dt. 23/24.7.14.
States that all the valuable jewels worth
about Rs 620 have been recovered, that a few
silver articles worth about Rs 80 have still to be
recovered and that the dead bodies of the drowned
persons have been recovered lower down the river
The above information has already been
furnished to the Dewan by the Dr Comr
in his D.O. dt. 17.7.14. (Vide p. 24 of the 1914 file)
Subd. The Dr Comr's reply to cl 6 may
be awaited.
Park (65)

8 28/7 From the Dr Comr, Mysore dt.
Letter No. 37 dt. 26.7.14.
In reply to cl 6, reports that the Sub
Division officer was absent on leave and the
Amildar was indisposed and that out of the
temple servants, the Peshkar was on leave,
the Agamik was ill and the Chik Parpathyar
was present on the occasion.
The above enquiry was made as directed
by the Dewan. (Vide p 25 of the 1914 file)

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Subd The sub Dy officer was on leave & the PWI(65) Arulsamy was indisposed remained with 28/7 attend the Theppotsavam. The Pesthkar of the temple was on leave, & the Agamik was ill, & the Theppotsavam was conducted under the supervision of the Chief Parsathyar.

29.7.14

Dy

29.7.14

First Member & Dewan

Dewan 29/7

But I do not see that the Police held any enquiry independently as they have been done under S. 174 Cr. P. Code. Inquire whether one has been held & get the proceedings after disposal by the Magte.

30/7/14

Dewan 30/7

Asst Inspr, Subd

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

File No. 19 of 1914.

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9	To The Dy Conservator Mysore No. 296 of 31.7.14 Enquiry of a police inquest was held and report & Submission of the proceedings.
10	From the Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja Cir. No. 513 dated 28.7.14 Forwards in continuation a memorial to H.H. the Maharaja dated 14.7.14 from G.R. Venkata Rao of Nanjangud. The memorialist stated that the present disaster is quite a unique one, that the Amildar though present at Nanjangud did not attend the Teppotsava but only came out after the disaster was over and that as he was indifferent others also were so, that the Police Inspector came out from a singing party after the disaster was widely known, the Agamik was and the Sub Dy officer was on leave that a small official a favourite of the Amildar was in charge of Peshkar's duties, that the practice of entrusting a small official with Peshkar's duties is only during the present Amildar's tenure of office that the Amildar though aware of the unsoundness of the boat neither had it replaced nor got it repaired that though he knew the previous day alone that the boat was about to capsize he did not take proper action

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that the rope tied to the boat was old and worn out as is even now apparent that the Dharmadarsis take very little interest, that it is also on record that owing to party feeling some of the temple jewels were lost on a previous occasion, that had the Collector been present and not permitted persons other than temple servants to get into the boat (Jeppa) the lives of the boys unconnected with the temple would have been saved and prays that a special (honest) officer may be deputed to conduct the enquiry and that a notice may be issued to them.

The telegram sent by the Petr was forwarded to the Dy Coll for a detailed enquiry and report. It may be awaited.

Subd
Asst (65) 3/8/14 Draft sending this Petn to the Dy Coll for the report called for is put up for appl.

11 To the Dy Coll. Nyson Dt. No. 311 of 3.8.14 forwards the above Petn for expediting the report called for.

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As this is a serious matter, the Under Secretary should be good enough to examine the case thoroughly and place before Government a statement of what should have been done under the circumstances, what the omissions have been and what notice has to be taken, if any, of the conduct of officers responsible for the management of the function.

Somebody should be responsible to prevent such a state of affairs and some orders should be passed to prevent a recurrence of catastrophes of this sort.

An attempt should be made to distribute the responsibility and the blame, if any, between the officers concerned. The matter will then be discussed in Council.

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12	From the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore &t Letter No. 89 d: 25.8.14 Submits records of inquest held into the death of the five persons who were drowned during Teppotsavam at Nanjangud.
13	From the above officer Letter No. 90 d: 25.8.14 Submits a detailed report of the accident and requests approval of his action in having presented an old turban shawl to one Venkatappasetti and having given a reward of Rs 25 to the Besthars of Chamalapur. Subd Pub(65) 26/8
14	From the Dep: Comr Mysore Dr No 140 of 12th Oct 1914 Submits Copy of letter No 20 of 8-10-14 from the Sub Dr Officer Nanjangud on the Tel Telegram from Venkata Ram re Theppotsavam Calamity. The Sub Dr Officer says that Venkata Ram did not appear before him as he was called upon to do on the occasion that he has furnished a false [illegible]

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H Police Supdt & others, & that he wants a formal enquiry being held in which he should be allowed to cross examine the Accused. He elects in Instructions a to a formal enquiry being held which he however considers unnecessary.

Submitted for orders.

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Note by the Under Secretary.

The inquest reports and the record of an enquiry held by the Amildar into the circumstances that led to the deplorable accident have been received. A memorial addressed to His Highness by one G. R. Venkata Rao of Nanjangud alleging negligence and dereliction of duty against the local officers was also forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner for a full enquiry and report. This enquiry was entrusted to the Sub Division Officer but owing to ~~obstin~~ obstructive tactics of Venkata Rao, it could not be carried on. No further notice need therefore be taken of this memorial which appears more to have been aimed at harassing the authorities rather than in the interest of the public, Venkata Rao himself being a well-known local character with a great capacity for ~~mischief~~ and a well-~~nurced~~ grievance against the local officers.

The inquest reports are confined to the immediate cause of the death of the deceased and do not throw any light upon the circumstances that led to the unhappy accident. The Amildar's enquiry which was held immediately after the event takes up this ~~as part~~ of the question. The Amildar has examined in all 15 persons, including all the ten survivors from the drowned Teppa. The only respectable outsider that has been examined is Mr. ~~Krishna~~

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Rao, Pleader, and it might perhaps have been more satisfactory if more persons from the independent public had been examined. However, a perusal of these statements would appear to make it clear that the unfortunate mishap is not directly traceable to any palpable act of negligence or omission and the Deputy Commissioner's opinion recorded in his D.O.letter of the 14th July that every precaution had been taken and that the disaster was purely an accident is entitled to great weight supported as it is by the unanimous testimony of all the witnesses examined since then.

I inspected the scene of occurrence in the company of the Deputy Commissioner on the 20th August and the course of events was graphically explained to me by the persons present. A substantially accurate description of the occurrence has already been submitted by the Deputy Commissioner in his letter referred to above. I also saw the boats in question which were even then being used to ferry people across the river. They are dug-outs tolerably new and water tight but a noticeable feature is the disparity in their sizes which makes one doubt their stability when used together as a single raft with a platform on top.

The Manikarnikhe Ghat whenethe Girija-kalyana Teppotsva takes place is situated at the

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tail of a bend in the river and slightly abuts into the bed. The result is that there is a strong current at the head of the Ghat with slack water along the steps. There is also a mango tree just beyond the Ghat with over hanging boughs almost touching the water at flood level.

On the day in question there were freshes in the river as is usual at this season of the year. and it would have been perfectly safe to have plied the Teppa in the slack water near the steps. By an unfortunate mistake the Teppa appears to have been taken a little too near the head of the Ghat which brought it within the sphere of the current and in attempting to steer clear of the over-hanging boughs the Teppa was brought against its full force. As the play of the current was against the side of the Teppa near the shore, I believe it would have been wiser if the Teppa was pulled in by the tail rope, the other rope being allowed only to keep the head in position. As it however appears, the head rope was pulled in against the current with the assistance of the people present and it snapped. The Teppa swung round with its broad side against the current and the people on it (15 in all) seemed to have crowded in a panic to the side nearer the shore. What with the current the waves and the unbalanced weight water got into the boat and the Teppa capsized.

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In the course of the events briefly sketched above, the following circumstances appear to demand some particular notice.

(1) The unsatisfactory nature of the Teppa, specially when it is to be used in an open river in freshes and with a strong current. The Teppa is at best a scratch one, the only excuse for confiding in it being that it has been so for a long time past without any mishap. Abundant caution should have been taken to see that the Teppa was well within the slack water, even if it should result merely in the formal performance of the ceremonial functions of the Utsava. The temple officials who were in charge of the Utsava, viz., the Shirastedar Krishna Rao and Parpathegar Srikantiah are to blame in allowing the plying of the Teppa beyond the region of safety. These are however small officials of the, and it seems to be sufficient to give them a warning.

(2) The snapping of the rope. All the persons examined by the Amildar concur in saying that the rope was a new one and the Deputy Commissioner who was on the spot immediately after, has not noticed its unsound condition. From the circumstances already referred to by me it appears to be highly probable that the snapping was due to undue strain placed upon it by the attempt to draw

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in the Teppa against the current.

(3) The over crowding one one side of the craft. This was the most serious mistake which immediately contributed to the disaster but this was also unfortunately beyond the control of the responsible officials. As there was only a sprinkling of swimmers on the Teppa, it is not unlikely that the rest were more or less panic-striken and incapable of a calm judgment ~~in~~ the danger they were causing to themselves by over crowding on one side of the craft. It might perhaps have been possible to call out to them words of encouragement and direction if a superior man, official or otherwise, with a quick grasp of the situation should have been present. Even then it is doubtful if the people in that condition would have profitted by it.

(4) Absence of the superior local officers from the scene. This is also a regrettable incident as their presence might have prevented any risks being taken. The Sub Division Officer Mr. N. Subba Rao was absent on casual leave at the time and even if otherwise, he should not be held responsible for the ~~proper~~ conduct of Utsavas where nothing of special importance has been brought to his notice. The Amildar is reported to have been indisposed, but there was nothing to prevent him

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deputing for the occasion either the Taluk Sheristedar or the Police Inspector who also appears to have been present in the station. Though there are no special orders of Government in the Muzrai Department enjoining the presence of the Amildar or other local officers on occasions of the kind, yet in his capacity as the head of the Taluk and the officer directly responsible for the proper conduct of the temple affairs, he should have been present on the spot, the more so as the Utsava was not devoid of a certain element of danger and if unavoidably prevented therefrom, he should have made suitable arrangements for the deputation of a superior Officer. For this omission the Amildar seems to be blameworthy but there is however to his credit, that he exerted himself greatly in the recovery of the deity and the properties lost. Under the circumstances it seems to be sufficient to communicate to him the displeasure of Government at his initial carelessness.

Unlike other temples in the State the Nanjangud temple has a ~~serious~~ Series of festivals spread over all the months of the year and there are also special Utsavas on specified days of each month. Many of them are however of minor character which may either be left to the temple servants or the Taluk Sheristadar to manage. The following Utsavas

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are however of sufficient importance to require the presence of the Amildar at Head Quarters.

Mesha	Srikanta Mudi.
	Mantapotsava in the river.
~~Vaisakha~~.	Thirta Snana.
Mithuna.	Girija Kalyana.
	Theppotsava.
Kanya.	Navaratri.
Vrischikam	Ashta Thirtha Snana.
	Chikka Jatra.
	Thirtha Utsava.
	Dhatrihavana.
Dhanus	Andakasura Samhara.
	Aridrotsava.
Makara.	Ratasaptami.
Mina.	Dodda Jatra.

In addition to the above the Amildar will have to be present at the station on all Powarnami days when a Rathotsava is celebrated and on days when the elephant chariot is used. This would naturally make it difficult for him to put in the requisite amount of camping work and it may be necessary to relax the rules to some extent at least in the months of Mithuna, Kanya, Vrischika and Mina.

There are also special Utsavas requiring the tact and experience of a higher officer and it will be an advantage if the Sub-Division Officer

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should also remain at the station. These are:--

Mithuna	Theppotsava in Girija Kalyana.
Vrischika	Krittikotsava and Rathotsava in Chick Jatra.
Dhanus.	Andakasura Samhara. Aridrotsava.
Mina	Ratotsava and Teppotsava in Dodd Jatra.

The only question that still remains to be considered is the precaution that will have to be taken in future to prevent accidents of the kind occurring. The Utsavas involving some danger of mishap, are the Rathotsavas including the elephant chariot, the Theppotsavas and the Krittikotsavas and Navaratri when a large number of lamps are lit.

Five Rathas are maintained by the temple, two of them being unusually large and somewhat old. As the Jatras approach the safe condition of these, always cause anxiety to the local officers, the wheels and axles are hurriedly examined by experts and either passed or put into order tempororily and the festival is allowed to progress. The construction of fresh and strong and at the same time more handy Rathas will be prohibitive in cost but it will have to be undert ken at some future time. In the meanwhile it must be a rule that a superior officer of the Engineering Department shou

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be deputed to inspect thoroughly and report upon the safe condition of these Rathas as soon as each Jatra is over, so that there may be ample time to put them in order before the next occasion.

The same sort of leisurely work is not practicable in the case of the Pornomi Ratha which is used once every month. Recently some slight repairs have been executed but the Ratha itself appears to me somewhat worn out and has to be replaced by a fresh one. In doing so it seems preferable to construct a handier and a more artistic Ratha on the model of what is called "Goratha" in the Eastern districts of the Madras Presidency. I have recently obtained a rough plan and estimate of such a Ratha and I shall consult the local officers and the temple authorities before placing the proposal before Government.

As regards the Teppa it seems to me that the temple should own a sound raft of its own with satisfactory floats and capable of being dismantled and staved away when not wanted. A little additional cost will also enable the construction of an artistic Mantap on the raft. The work may be entrusted to the Public Works Department. In the meanwhile I have also called for a plan and estimate of a raft of the kind from an artisan who had built a Teppa for the Tirupati temple.

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In the Navaratri and Krittika Utsavas, ~~the~~ the chief danger lies from fire, sufficient precautionary measures should be taken by the local officers to have handy a sufficient storage of water for immediate necessities. In the Andhakasura Samhara Utsava, the deity on Kudre Vahana is given a gr~~ea~~eat deal of rough play by the Sripadas running about somewhat wildly. The enthusiasm of the carriers should be kept within safe limits and the sound condition of the Vahana will have to be looked to. Indeed it appears to me that it will be a great advantage if all the Vahanas of the temple are inspected carefully once a year by an Engineering Officer and reported upon.

To Courts

Ramachandra Iyer

The ~~&~~ Occurrence was due to an unfortunate accident which probably could not have been ~~be~~ foreseen. But the Amildar should have made some proper arrangement for supervision if he could not be present.

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It may be directed that unless prevented from inevitable work outside, the Asst & Subdn Offrs (on the important occasions named) should be present, and ~~see~~ exercise proper supervision.

The other proposals also are approved as noted in marginal remarks.

Please draft a order ~~and~~ on these & submit & Secy's also before issue.

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Two draft orders are subd for approval
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To, The Rev Comr, Dc, Mysore Distt relg records, Dcs of other Distts, Deputie Comrs Govt, Chief Secretary, Mysore Secy, Palace Comptr & Mess Distt, laying down certain precautionary instructions for the guidance of local officers & the prevention of such accidents in future

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Submitted to His Highness.

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Orders 3-8 of the Draft G.O.

FOR

With reference to correspondence ending with the Huzur Secretary's D.O.letter No.111 dated 17th July 1914, I submit, for favour of approval, the draft of a Government order received from the First Member on the drowning fatality which occurred at Nanjangud during the temple Theppotsavam in July last. The opportunity has been taken to lay down certain general instructions for guidance with a view to prevent similar accidents in future.

M. Krishnaraja
17th Dec 1914

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Draft of a Government Order on the drowning fatality which occurred at Nanjangud during the temple Theppotsavam in July last.

Order.

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SECTION Municipal
FILE No. 229-14
SERIAL No. 1

Nanjangud

14th July 1914.

My dear sir,

In continuation of my yesterday's telegram communicating news of the disaster here, I note the details below:-

It is usual to have Teppotsava every year in this season for three days. So there was Teppotsava on Saturday without anything untoward happening. The Sunday Utsava ended in this disaster.

The raft is made by connecting two boats together and is thus a safe one. The boats are sound ones. At each end of the raft ropes are tied and the people from the shore regulate the distance to be travelled by lengthening or shortening the rope. The raft is not allowed to go beyond a few yards from the shore and only the people whose presence is absolutely necessary are allowed to be on the raft. The boatman is a man of experience who every day ferries people from and to the opposite bank.

From the statements of the persons then present I gather that, to avoid an overhanging branch when coming upstream, the boat was allowed to go a little farther from the shore and it was found that the current was swift there. When the raft was pulled back, the rope at the head snapped and so the raft described a semi-circle, the head pointing down stream.

The snapping of the rope and the sudden change of course caused a panic among the occupants who all collected on one side with the result that the boats tilted and were filled with water. As there was the other rope, the raft could not go very far and the ends of the bamboos got firmly wedged in the stone steps.

On receipt of information, the Police Superintendent and I came here at about 11 p.m. on Sunday and all atempts made till 1-30 before and after we came to refloat the raft and recover the idol proved futile. Operations were resumed yesterday monning and the idol was recovered in tact. The necessary purification ceremonies were performed and usual puja was resumed to the joy and satisfaction

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of all.

Jewels of the value of about Rs.700 are missing. Attempts made till last evening to recover them proved unsuccessful; but hopes are entertained of their recovery when the flodds subside in a few days. Arrangements have been made to guard this portion of the river and prevent people from resorting thereto. One Venkatappa Setty, a merchant, did much service. He spent two or three hours at a time in the river, picked up some of the jewels, located where the idol was and directed all operations. The Bestars of Chamalapur dived in the river and bodily lifted up the portion of the raft underwater and thus enabled the recovery of the idol in tact. These have been rewarded. Of the ten people or so on the raft all except five were rescued or swam to the shore. Of these five, 3 were children who were on the raft for doing petty work like feeding the torches with oil or had been smuggled in by their father the experienced boatman. The other two were young men of 18 and 25. The young man of 18 is said to have died in trying to rescue his sister. The young man of 25 an Up-paligar, is the only temple servant who is missing. No bodies have been recovered yet.

I am satisfied that every precaution had been taken and that the disaster is purely an accident.

Yours obediently,

A. Subrahmanya Iyer.

M. Visvesvaraya Esq.,

Dewan of Mysore.

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C. Rama Rau

15.7.14

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Report on the recent drowning fatality at Nanjangud during the Teppotsava of Sri Srikanteswaraswami.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
(Muzrai)

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READ—

The following letter dated 14th July 1914 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District reporting on the recent drowning fatality that occurred at Nanjangud during the Teppotsava of Sri Srikanteswaraswami on Sunday the 12th idem.
(Here type the letter in full)

Order thereon: No.

Date of issue

Signed by

Telegram dated the 18th July & D.O dated the 14th July from the Dy Cmr, Mysore Dt, Reporting that a drowning accident occured at Nanjangud during the Teppotsavam of Sri Srikanteswaraswami on Sunday the 12th idem, and stating that the utsava vigraha

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Order thereon

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The Dr Comr, Mysore Dt

" ~~D.C. of Police in Mysore.~~

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

Telegram dated the 13th July and D.O. dated the 14th idem from the Deputy Commissioner Mysore District reporting that a drowning accident occured at Nanjangud during the Teppotsavam of Sri Srikanteswaraswami on Sunday the 12th idem and stating that the Utsava Vigraha with jewels with the exception of a few worth about 700 Rs. was recovered, and samprokshana performed, and that satisfactory arrangements have been made for recovering the missing jewels.

Order thereon No. 154
Mus 19-14-2

Dated Bangalore the 17 July 1914.

Recorded with regret.

Fair draft
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For Offg. Secretary to Govt.

To.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

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No. 279/ Enc.1. OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,

DATED Fernhill, 15-7-1914.

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1914-15
SECTION Miscl
FILE No. 19-14
SERIAL No. 3

Telegram No.78 dated the 14th July 1914, from Venkata Rao, Nanjangud, is forwarded, with compliments, to the Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore, for favour of disposal.

By Order,

Mirza M Ismail

For Private Secretary.

17/7/14

VII Please treat as immediate Secn 17/7

Urgent attached 17/7/14

Telegram to H. H. the Maharaja

Dt 14.7.45

Train between Tiruppadaiyur Erode
is due to negligence indifference
of Guides and staff Pray thoroughly
investigate & return followers -

Venkateswara

Re Nanjangud disaster

GOVT. OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA
OF MYSORE.

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No 155 Ex-1 dt 19/7/14
Dmz 19-14-4-

The accompanying ~~Petition Registered~~ ~~No~~ telegram dated 14.5 July 1914 received at the General and Revenue Secretariat from one Venkatarao of Nanjangud stating that the recent tonting fatality at Nanjangud during the Teppotsavam of Sri Srikanteswaraswami was due to negligence and indifference of the Amildar & ~~Police~~ staff and praying for a thorough investigation into the matter

is forwarded, ~~together with its enclosures,~~ to the Dy Comr Mysore for the submission of ~~with a request that a full~~ very early full report ~~may be submitted~~ at a very early date after ~~such enquiry as may be necessary~~ a detailed enquiry has been made.

By Order,

Secretary to Govt.

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By Order,

Secretary to Govt.

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Office of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore
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Dated Bangalore, 5th July 1914.

DIARY No. 1161
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SECTION Police
FILE No. 8-14

From

Dewan Bahadur C. Srikantaiya, B.A., B.L.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To

D. . Narasinga Rao, Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

Sir,

The Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District reports that on the night of the 12th instant when the Teppotsavam of Sri Srikanteswaraswami at Nanjangud was being conducted in the Kapila river, the Teppa with the Utsavamurti capsized and that the idol was recovered the next morning intact, but that five lives were lost.

2. At this season of the year, the Teppotsavam is usually conducted for three consecutive days, and accordingly the Utsavam which was commenced on Saturday the 11th instant went off without any trouble that day. The next night, however, this disaster happened at about 8 o'clock.

3. The raft which is made by connecting two boats together is said to have been a safe one, the boats themselves being quite sound. Ropes are tied to each end of the raft, by means of which people on the bank of the river regulate the distance to be travelled by pulling the rope. The raft is not allowed to go beyond a few yards from the bank, and only people whose attendance is absolutely necessary are allowed to be on the raft. The boatman is said to be an experienced man who ferries people every day from and to the opposite

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bank. It appears that to avoid an overhanging branch of a tree while coming up stream, the raft was allowed to drift a little further from the bank, where the current was found to be rather swift. When the raft was pulled back, the rope at the head unfortunately snapped, and the raft described a semi-circle with its head pointing down stream. The snapping of the rope and the sudden change of course caused a panic among the occupants who all rushed towards one side with the result that the boats tilted and got filled with water. The other rope did not allow the raft to go very far and the ends of the bamboos got firmly wedged in the stone steps. There were 10 people in all on the raft, five of whom were either rescued or swam to the bank.

4. On receipt of telegraphic information, the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police, with admirable alacrity, motored down from Mysore to the spot immediately, reaching Nanjangud at about 11 o'clock at night, and all attempts were made with the aid of dexterous local divers and swimmers till 1-30 A.M. the next morning to refloat the raft and recover the idol, which however proved futile, as there was about 10 feet of water at the place and the current was very strong. After day break, again, on Monday the 17th instant, the rescuing operations were vigorously resumed, and thanks to Providence, the Utsavamurti was recovered intact at about 9-30 A.M., and after the necessary purification ceremonies, the usual puja was resumed to the great joy and satisfaction of all.

5. Jewels to the value of Rs. 700 are reported to be missing and hopes are entertained of their recovery after the floods subside in a few days. Needful watch is being kept over that portion of the river to prevent people from having access thereto.

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6. Of the 5 missing people, 3 were unfortunate children who were on the raft doing petty work such as feeding the torches with oil or had been smuggled in by the boatmen. The other two were young men of 18 and 25 respectively, the former being reported to have died in attempting to rescue his sister, and the latter being the only temple servant who met this fate. Their bodies have not as yet been recovered.

7. The Deputy Commissioner brings to notice one Venkatappasetty, a merchant, who rendered much service, spending two or three hours at a time in the river, picking up some of the jewels, locating the exact spot where the idol was imbedded, and in fact directing all the rescue operations. The Pesuars of Chamalapur are reported to have done good service in bodily lifting up the portion of the raft under water and thus facilitating the recovery of the idol intact. They have been also rewarded for their plucky conduct and help.

8. The Deputy Commissioner also reports that he is satisfied that every precaution had been taken and the disaster was unfortunately a sheer accident.

9. In conclusion, I have to add that the utmost promptitude with which the Deputy Commissioner repaired to the scene and conducted the rescue operations at dead of night cannot be too highly commended, and to his presence on the spot was in no small measure due the infusion of spirit and confidence in the people, which eventually resulted in the happy recovery of the Utsavamurti.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police.

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To
The Dy Coll.
Mysore Dt.

Date of issue 24th Jan 1914

Signed by W. R. Lakshmi Narasimha Rao

Sir,

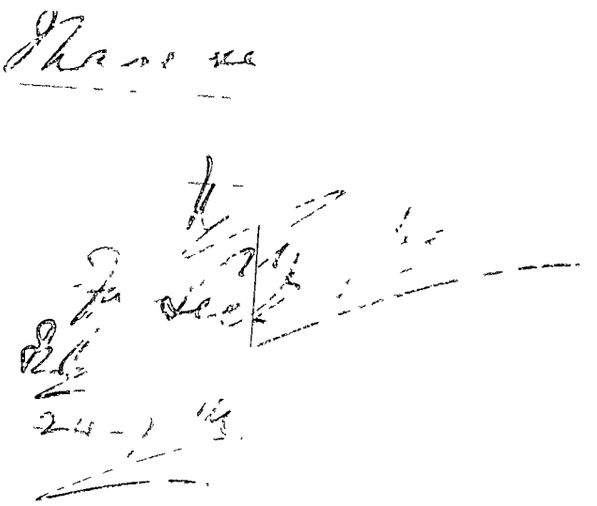
With reference to the drowning fatality that occurred during the recent Teppotsavam at Nanjangud, I am directed to enquire whether any responsible officer was present on the spot ?

He is ... to ...

over.

SUBJECT

accident happened
~~Occurred~~ + whether
the Builder + the Res
Sub-Officer were
present on the occasion.
Any Enquiry
required.



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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

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Letter No 293-10
dt/ 23-7-14 from the I.G.
of Police in Europe submitting
a further report re the
Navajinpet accident.

Subd. The file on
the subject was transferred
to the Hungari Branch
on 20-7-14. This may
also be transferred to
that Branch.

BA.
(29) 28-7-14

To Branch VII
In favour of need for
action.
Nil
28-7-14

N B—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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293/20

Office of the
Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

Dated 25rd July 191 24

From

Dewan Bahadur
C. Srikanteswara Aiyar, B.A., B.L.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of H.H.
the Maharaja of Mysore, Genl and Rev Depts.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.C.5 dated the 19th instant in re the capsizing of the Teppam with Utsavamurthi of Sri Srikanteswaraswami in the Kapila river at Nanjangud &c, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, since reports that all the valuable jewels worth about Rs.620/- have been recovered and that a few silver articles worth about Rs.80/- have still to be recovered.

It is also reported that the dead bodies of the persons drowned have been recovered lower down the river.

I have the honor to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Srikantaramaiyan
Inspector General of Police.

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1914

From The Commissioner
Mpanda District

To The Secretary
for
Mwanza Council

Dated 26th July 1914

Despatched

Received

General No. 37.
No.

Enclosure No.

Submits that the Revenue Subordinate was absent on leave & the Interpreter was indisposed Of the temporary servants the Peon was on leave & the Messenger was ill - No Chief Representative was present during Expedition.

Mysore
Dated 26. July 14.

No 37
E.

From

A. Subrahmanya Iyer Esqr. B.A.
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To.

D. M. Narasinga Rao Esqr. B.A. B.L.
Offg: Secretary to the Hon'ble
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore
General & Revenue Dept.
Huzur branch.

DIARY No. 163
19/4/1915
SECTION Miscellaneous
FILE No. 19-14
SERIAL No. 6

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 207 Misc: 19-14 dated 24th July 1914 Enquiring whether any responsible officer was present on the spot at the time the recent Teppotsavam was held and the unfortunate accident happened at Nanjangud and whether the Amildar and the Revenue Sub Divisional officer was present on the occasion, I have the honor to state that the Sub Divisional Officer was absent on leave and the Amildar was indisposed. Of the Temple servants the Peishkar was on leave and the Aganik was ill. The Chick Panpatteyar was present at the Teppotsavam.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

A. Subrahmanya Iyer

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

G. R. S. 26]

File No.

Serial No.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 163

No. 296

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Murree)

, *the* 191 .

To

The Dep^t. Com^r

Rawal Pindi

Date of issue 31st Jul^y 1914

Signed by Nor^l Heravanundengar

Sir,

With reference to ~~the~~ correspondence ending with your letter No. 37 dated the 28th July 1914 regarding the Teppolseram accident at Vanjaigad, I am directed to enquire whether the ~~...~~

over.

SUBJECT.

an independent Police
inquest has been
held under sec 174
of the Cr. Pro code, and
I request you to
be so good as to submit
the traps for disposal
by the Magistrate.

I have &c

Superintendent
31.7.14

List of enclosures.

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No. 517

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYS

Fernhill, 28.7.1914

DIARY No. 916

1914-1915
SECTION Miscl.
FILE No. 19-14
SERIAL No. 10.

Petition as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja, is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Department (Br: VII), Bangalore, ~~for~~ in continuation of This office no. 279 dated 15th July 1914.

No. 132

By Order,

I.C.S.,
Private Secretary
to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

GBPM—1,000—18-11-12.

DIARY No. 216

1916 19 15

SECTION

FILE No.

SERIAL No.

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(8) [illegible]

[illegible] 14-7-1974 [illegible] E.R. Venkatarao [illegible]

G.R.S. 29A]

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From 16

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To

The Dy Com^r
Mysore Dt

Dated

Despatched 3rd August 1914

Received

General No. 311
Misc No. 1914-11
Enclosure No. 1

In Cont. of Mis Spec Rev. No. 155/MT 19-14 & 17.7.14 forwarding for very early report a telegram from Rao B. R. Venkata Rao ~~of Nanjangud~~ regarding the Teppotsavam catastrophe at Nanjangud, has the honor to forward herewith a Memorial addressed by the same person to H. H.

Maharaja Mysore
in the matter of
Request that the
Report called for
in the above may
be expedited.

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3/8/18.

RV No. 380

10/6/1915
TION Mungai
No.
12

1914

From The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To The Secretary
to the Govt of Mysore
Gen & Rev Depts
Mungai bineh

Dated 25/8/14

Despatched

Received

General No. 89
No.

Enclosure No. 5 Pls (Navigation Accts Letter Nos 50 to 54 dt 27.7.1914) 4/14

Submits the records of inquests on the deaths of the five persons who were drowned when the raft of Sri Lakkaheswara Swami accidentally capsized during Teppotsavam.

Dated 25

No 89.
E. Files
From

A. Subrahmanya Iyer Esqr B.A
Dy Commissioner
Mysore District

To,

D. M. Narasinga Rao Esqr B.A. B.L
Offg: Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore
General & Revenue Department
Muzrai branch

Sir,

As desired in your letter No. 296 dated
May 1916
31st July 1916, I have the honor to enclose
herein the records of inquests on the
deaths of the five persons viz, Mada, Josi,
Putti, Ranga and Mara who were drowned
when the raft of Sri Srikanteswara Swami
accidentally capsized during Teppotsavam.
The Taluk Magistrate's opinion has to
be formally accepted by me.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

Kg

No. 38
19/6/1915
SECTION Mungair
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From 1914
The Dy Commissioner
Monghyr District

To The Secretary
to the Govt of Bengal
Gen & Rev Depts
Darjeeling

Dated 25/8/14

Despatched

Received

General No. 90
No.

Enclosure No. two fls (Nanjanpur) dtd
Dy's memo No 2[illegible]
dt 18th Aug 14

Submits the records of the enquiry held by the Amla of Nanjanpur in re the accident on the occasion of the Jeffersonian at Nanjanpur

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Deputy Commr
Mysore
Dated 25th August 1914

No. 90
Ex. 2 Ths

From

A Subramanya Iyer Esqr. B.A.
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore Dist.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao Esqr. B.A. Bl
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore
General and Revenue Departments-
Mazrai branch.

Sir,

With reference to Govt. Pro: No. 154
Mus 19-14-2
dated 17th July 1914 and in continuation
of my D.O. letters about the accident on
the occasion of the Teppotsavam at Nanjangud,
I have the honor to forward the records
of the enquiry held by the Amildar. It
will be seen that the recorded statements
bear out what has already been reported
in my first D.O. letter. Though there is no
express reference to any overhanging branch,
ie statement of Bhanirkar Channiah to
ie effect that the boatmen steered to the
orth, ie further from the shore, leads
to the inference that this must have been

to avoid an overhanging branch.

There were 15 persons on the raft as shewn below and all except the boy Mara had some work to do.

1. Archak Subbaraya Dikshit
2 Stanik Subbaraya Dikshit
3 Manegar Kappiah
4 Police Constable Ramanna
5 Kavalgar Mantia
6 Do — Nanjappa
7 Sepoy Ramoo
8 Mada
9 Naija
10 Linga
11 Josi (Bestar)
12 Josi (Brother-in-law of No 11).
13 Putti
14 Ranga
15 Mara.

Five persons viz Mada (No 8), Josi (No 12), Putti (No 13), Ranga (No 14), and Mara (No 15) were drowned. The Huzur Secretary has intimated to me that His Highness the Maharaja has

graciously dis
the relatives of the deceased persons.

A list of the jewels &c that were found missing after the recovery of the idols is given below :—

No.		Estimated amount Rs a p
1.	One emerald of Utsavara Kireeta	250 — — —
2	One Ashtadala gundiasara of 2 strings (Doddi) . — . . .	213—14 — 4
3	Annamacharu's Koramba and Karnapatra	76 — 8 — 4
4	Jwale - Mote - of gold coated Copper Prabhavali	30 — — —
5	Silver torch (Devudi)	42 — 7 — 3
6	Silver oilcan	73—13—9
7	a gun	12 — — —
8	Old shawl	— — — —
9	Brass Tappala	4 — — —
	Total Rs	702 — 11 — 4

As reported in my second D.O. letter all the valuables have already been recovered by the Exertions of the Sub Division Officer Mr. Nagesa Subba Rao.

The following articles still under water and are likely to be found when the water subsides :—

1. Jwale (2) of gold coated copper Prabhavali.
2. Silver torch (Deeva).
3. A gun
4. Old Shawl
5. Brass Tappale.

The reports of the Amildar and the Sub Division officer make it clear that the disaster was purely accidental.

Venkatappa setty referred to in my D O. letter was given an old Shawl from the temple and the Bestars of Chamalapur were given a Cash reward of Rs 25/- I request that this action may be approved.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

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DIARY No. 615

1916 1915
SECTION Mizpai
FILE No. 19-14
SERIAL No. 60/14

From The Dy Commissioner Mysore District 1914

To The Secretary to the Govt of Mysore General & Rev Depts Mysore Bangalore

Dated 12 10-1914

Despatched

Received

General No. 140

No.

Enclosure No. 1 to 6

Submits for orders of Govt
Copy of letter No 28 dated 8 10.14
from the Sub-Div Off of Nanjangud
on the petition & telegram from Venkatta
re Jeppihosahalli Catastrophe
at Nanjangud. —

GPB—50,000—8-1-13

Dy Commr

Dated, Mysore, 12.

No. 140.
E. Ltr. From

A Subramanya Iyer, Esq., BA
Dy Commissioner
Mysore District

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao, Esq., BA. BL
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of
H H the Maharaja of Mysore
General & Rev: Depts
Bangalore Camp

Sir,

With reference to your C. M. No. 153 Jus 7/19-14-4 dated 17th July 1914 and docketed No. 311 Jus 1914, dated 3rd August 1914 forwarding for enquiry and report telegram and petition from one G. R. Venkata Rao regarding the Jeppatavam Catastrophe at Nanjangud, I have the honor, in continuation of this office letter No. 89 and 90 dated 25th August 1914, to submit herewith for orders of Government copy of letter No. 28 dated 8th October 1914 with its enclosures received from the Sub Divisn Officer of Nanjangud.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Dy Commissioner
Mysore District.

Kg

Office of the Sub Division Officer

№ 28
8.10.1914
Encl: one file.

Dated, Nanjangud, 8th October 1914.

From

N. Subba Rao, Esqre, BA
Sub division officer
Nanjangud

To

A. Subramanya Iyer, Esquire, BA
Dy Commissioner
Mysore District

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your yadi № 162 dated 11-8-1914 in the matter of enquiry and report on the petition of G. R. Venkata Rao about the Theppotsavam desashes at Nanjangud etc, I have the honor to state that the petitioner G. R. Venkat Rao has failed to appear before me though he was called upon by me personally to do so on several occasions. He has submitted a long list of witnesses including yourself, the Police Superintendent and others. An enquiry sufficiently

detail in nature has already
held in the matter by yourself.

Again when required to attend on
the 7th instant, Venkata Rao has presented
the enclosed petition praying that he
should be allowed to cross examine the
Amildar and the witnesses already
examined by him before proceeding any
further. I am of opinion that a formal
enquiry is not likely to serve any
useful purpose, and therefore return
herewith the two communications
received from you with connected papers
for favour of instructions as to whether
the formal enquiry on the lines suggested
by the petitioner should necessarily be
held.

I have &c

Sd/- N. Subba Rao

Sub Division Officer

"Copy"

Sd/-

Dy Commissioner

Mysore District

Kg

Final Fair draft 25

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

READ.--

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Government Proceedings No.154/M.F. 19-14-2 dated the 17th July 1914, recording with regret the telegram dated the 13th July 1914 and D.O.letter dated the 14th idem received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, reporting that a drowning accident occurred at Nanjangud during the temple Theppotsava on the 12th idem.

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2. Telegram dated 14th July 1914 and memorial dated 9th August 1914 from G. R. Venkata Rao of Nanjangud ascribing the drowning incident to the negligence and indifference of the local officers and praying for a thorough investigation into the matter.

3. Correspondence ending with letters Nos.89 and 90 dated the 28th August 1914 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, submitting records of enquiry held by the Amildar of Nanjangud on the accident and the records of inquest held on the bodies of 5 persons who were drowned.

4. Letter No.140 dated 12th October 1914 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, submitting a report on the acci-

of G. R. Venkata Rao.

Pages 33-42 of Exhibit B

5. Note dated 31st October 1914 from the Muzrai Superintendent, examining the circumstances of the case and recommending the adoption of certain precautionary measures in connection with the temple Utsavams.

ORDER THEREON: No. 1527-41 Confl. D
Mus. J. 19-14-14

---11th January 1915

The Manikarnika Ghat where the Girijakalyana Theppotsava takes place on three consecutive evenings, is situated at the tail of a bend in the river Kapini and slightly abuts into the bed with the result that there is a strong current at the head of the Ghat with slack water along the steps. There is also a mango tree just beyond the Ghat with over-hanging boughs almost touching the water at flood level. On the evening of the 11th August 1914 the first day of the Theppotsava, the deity was as usual taken to the river and the Utsava was conducted safely. The Utsava undertaken on the second evening, viz., 12th idem ended in disaster. There were freshes in the river as is usual at the season of the year and the raft which consisted of a platform thrown over two dugouts appears to have been taken to the head of the Ghat which brought it within the sphere

of the current. In trying to pull in the raft, the head-rope attached to it snapped and the raft swung round with its broad side against the full force of the current. The temple servants and other persons who were on it --fifteen in all -- crowded to the side nearer the shore, with the result that it capsized in the stream, and that five persons unfortunately lost their lives.

2. After perusing the report and record of the enquiry on this regrettable occurrence, Government concur with the Deputy Commissioner and the Muzrai Superintendent in thinking that it was due to accidental causes which could not be foreseen or prevented. The Government, however, consider that ~~the~~ no satisfactory explanation has been forthcoming for the Amildar ~~absenting himself~~ absence for his or failing to depute a responsible officer in his place to see to the proper conduct of the Utsava, particularly as he must have known that there was an element of danger owing to the freshes in the river. The Deputy Commissioner is requested to convey to Mr. B. Bhima Rao the displeasure of Government for this omission.

3. The Government are of opinion that certain precautions should be taken in future as prescribed below to prevent the occurrence of such accidents.

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4. Of the five cars used at the Annual Ratotsava, two are unusually large and somewhat old. As the Jatra approaches, these cars should be inspected by a responsible officer of the Public Works Department deputed for the purpose by the Chief Engineer. The local Revenue Sub Division Officer or the Amildar should be present on the occasion and carry out any suggestions made by the Engineering Officer, so as to improve the safety of the cars.

5. As the Theppotsava occurs twice a year, it is necessary that the temple should own a sound raft of its own with satisfactory floats and capable of being dismantled and stored away when not in use. The Chief Engineer is requested to submit at an early date a plan and estimate for providing the temple with such a raft.

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7. The Amildar should be present at the following Utsavas and if unavoidably absent, a responsible Officer

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Kanya.	Navarathri.
Vrischika.	1. Ashtathirtha Snana 2. Chicka Jatra. 3. Thirthotsava. 4. Dhatrihavana.
Dhanus.	1. Andhakasura Samhara. 2. Aridrotsava.
Makara.	Rathasapthami.
Mina.	Dodda Jatra.

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Mina	Rathotsava and Theppotsava in Dodda Jatra.

15.12.41

For Offg.Secretary to Govt.

To

The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
" Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, returning records.
" Deputy Commissioners of other Districts for information.
" Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
" The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore.
" Chief Engineer of Mysore.
" .Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.
" Palace Controller.
" Muzrai Superintendent in Mysore.

Theppotsavam Accident at Nanjangud.

No. 1527-41—Muz. 19-14-14, dated 11th January 1915.

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

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Kanya—
Navaratri.

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Sd. C. Narayanarao

For Offg. Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, returning records.
The Deputy Commissioners of other Districts for information.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The Comptroller in Mysore.
The Chief Engineer of Mysore
The Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
The Palace Controller.
The Muzrai Superintendent.

Exd.—C.R.

4, the DC of Mysore, enquiries
held, requests subn of the proceedings.

No 513 & 28 7/14. from the Govt Secy to H H the
Maharajah, 7ds w. enclg the memorial &
14.7.14 from G & Venkata Row, to H H the Maha-
rajah of Nanjangud —

(1) No: 311 & 3 8/14 - to the DC of Mysore - 7ds the above
subn for expediting the report called for.

(2) No 89 & 25.8.14, from the DC of Mysore - Subs
reports of inquiry held into the death of the five per-
sons, who were drowned during Jeppolsaveem at
Nanjangud — *

, No. 140 & 12th Octr 14 - to the DC of Mysore -
subs copy of letter no 28 & 8 10/14 - from the Sub
Dnl officer, Nanjangud, on the subn of a telegram
from Venkata Rao & the accident.

* No: 90 & 25 8/14 from the DC of Mysore, subs a de-
tailed report of the accident & requests approval of
his action in having presented an old temple
shawl to one Venkatappa Selby, thereby given
a reward of Rs 25/- to Relatives of Channalinga

Nos 1527-41 & 11th Jany 15 - to the Revenue,
DC of Mysore, Relig the reports, &c of the Deputy,
Asst Mine, Compt-r Accl, Chief Engineer, Mysore
Secretary, Palace Compt-r, enqg subn, &c
drawn certain explanatory [illegible]

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to local officers for their guidance for the prevention of such accidents in the future.

S. K. Srinivasa Rao
8.2.15